

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephonic interview conducted January 6, 2004, between applicants' attorney Robert N. Young and Examiner Olga N. Chernyshev, Ph.D. Below is applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview. The rejections made in the final Office Action and applicants' response to the final Office Action were discussed during the interview. In the interview, the Examiner indicated that the subject matter of claims 5 and 6, directed to SEQ ID NO:7 (-W-S-X1-W-S-X3-C-S-A2-C-G-) and SEQ ID NO:8 (-W-S-G-W-S-S-C-S-R-S-C-G-), contain allowable subject matter although the Examiner did object to the form of the claims. The Examiner also indicated that the allowable subject matter extended to claims covering the peptides, pharmaceutical compositions and additives directed to the subject matter of SEQ ID NO:7 (-W-S-X1-W-S-X3-C-S-A2-C-G-) and SEQ ID NO:8 (-W-S-G-W-S-S-C-S-R-S-C-G-). The Examiner further indicated that allowable subject matter may extend to claims 1, directed to SEQ ID NO:9 (Y-W-S-A1-C-S-A2-C-G-Z), 8, 13, 16, 17 and 22, pending further search. The Examiner also noted the rejection of claims 11 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, but indicated that the rejection may be reconsidered if the claims are amended to more specifically identify the pathological condition or trauma being treated.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below if the Examiner has any questions or believes such would be helpful in advancing the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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